

## Message Text

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: OVIP TO (EYADEMA, GNASSINGBE)  
SUBJ: TOGOLESE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN OFFICIAL VISIT TO US

REF: A STATE 51250 B LOME 686

1. IN ABSENCE FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO, I TOOK OPPORTUNITY  
AT MARCH 2 DINNER IN HONOR CATERPILLAR REPRESENTATIVES  
(REF B) TO CONVEY MESSAGE (REF A) TO EYADEMA-INTIMATE  
MINISTER OF INFORMATION KWAQVI BENYI JOHNSON THAT OFFICIAL  
VISIT TO US BY PRESIDENT EYADEMA IMPOSSIBLE THIS YEAR.

2. JOHNSON SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY  
NECESSITY FOR LEAD-TIME TO PREPARE SUCH VISITS. HE SAID  
HE WAS INFORMED ALSO ABOUT THE GENEROUS INVITATION TO  
EYADEMA BY REVEREND LEON SULLIVAN TO SPEAK AT APRIL OIC  
CONVOCATION IN BOSTON. HOWEVER, JOHNSON'S VIEW IS THAT  
PRESIDENT'S FIRST VISIT TO US IN HIS ELEVEN YEARS OF  
RULE SHOULD BE OFFICIAL RATHER THAN PRIVATE.

3. JOHNSON SAID THAT HIS RECOMMENDATION TO PRESIDENT  
EYADEMA WOULD BE TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT A CAREFULLY  
PLANNED 1979 VISIT. JOHNSON SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE  
A GOOD IDEA IF HE HIMSELF WERE TO VISIT THE US THIS  
YEAR IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE WAY. I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF  
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A REJOINDER SO I SAID NOTHING.

4. JOHNSON HAS INVITED ME TO DINNER TONIGHT AND I  
SHALL CONTINUE TO SOLDIER ON AND EXPLAIN ALL THE DIFFI-  
CULTIES INVOLVED IN OBTAINING INVITATIONS FOR OFFICIAL  
VISITS, BUT I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT 1979 PLANNING IS NOT  
SO ADVANCED THAT AN EYADEMA VISIT IS ALREADY CONCEIVED

TO BE IMPOSSIBLE, EVEN IN THAT TIME FRAME. PALMER

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